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2 October 1979

Memorandum for D/OPA

Subject: Devlin-Jervis Post-Mortem of Finished Intelligence
on Iran

1. In mid-July, after discussing the subject informally with the Senior Review Panel, Dr. Bowie asked each member to read the study and to be prepared to comment on it. We were asked to keep the matter very closely held. Although we discussed the study amongst ourselves and exchanged views, we decided that each of us would write individual comments to go to Dr. Bowie only.

2. The Panel had a meeting later in July with Dr. Bowie on the subject (no one else present) and our final meeting with him was on 7 August 1979 along with yourself, Bruce Clarke, Bob Ames and Dave Blee. Each of us had a chance to express our thoughts at the August meeting and each Panel member submitted written comments to Dr. Bowie. (Actually, Dr. Knorr submitted three separate memoranda relating to the subject.)

3. Copies of Dr. Knorr's memoranda (all three) and of my comments of 23 July are attached. Amb. Leonhart is not present today and so we will not be able to approach him on the matter until later.

4. You will recall at the 7 August meeting that while Dr. Knorr and I gave the report relatively high marks (within the inherent limitations of the effort), Amb. Leonhart was much more critical of it. I did not discuss the question of what to do with the report in my written comments, but did so at the meeting, making these points:

a. Sooner or later existence of the study would leak and there was no way to keep it secret indefinitely.

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b. NFAC should give the report wide internal dissemination as a "lessons learned" kind of thing and should provide copies to selected offices, agencies and individuals outside CIA. Dissemination could, if desired, include DD/NFA's "critique" of the post-mortem.

c. Dr. Knorr addresses the question of what to do with the post-mortem in his third memorandum (28 July 1979).

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Bruce Palmer, Jr.

Attachments:
As stated